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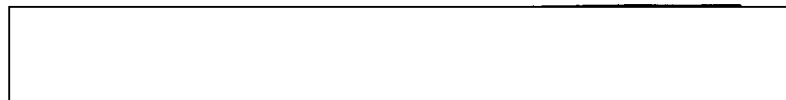
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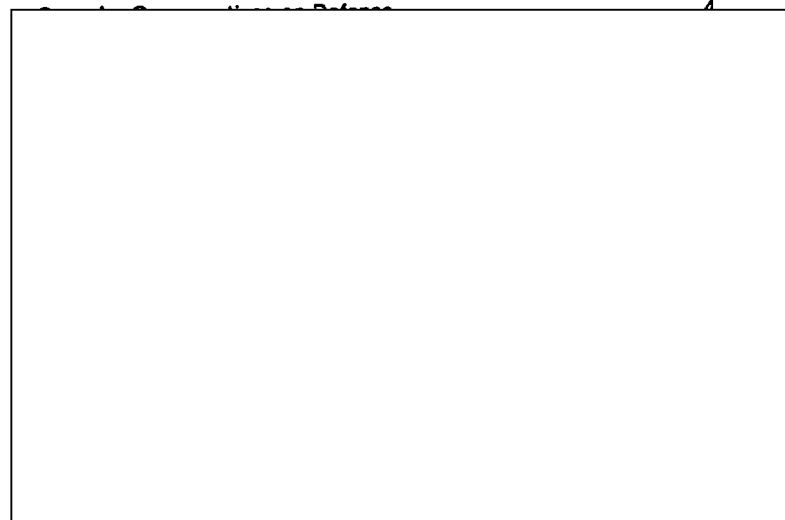
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TURKEY-IRAQ: Security Concerns

Turkish Foreign Minister Halefoglu and the Deputy Chief of Staff traveled to Baghdad Sunday for two days of talks with Iraqi leaders, including President Saddam Husayn. Press reports in Turkey indicate that the meetings will focus on border security. They also report that Ankara wants to improve its intelligence along the border and establish buffer zones there. The Turks are also said to be interested in renewed cross-border operations, which would require the permission of Iraq.

Comment: Kurdish insurgency has become a serious problem for both governments, and no doubt is the principal matter of discussion. The visit comes at an awkward time for the Iraqis, since they are negotiating a limited form of autonomy for their Kurdish population. The Turks almost certainly will try to undercut such an arrangement because it could encourage similar demands among Turkish Kurds. Nevertheless, Baghdad approved a limited cross-border raid by Turkey in May 1983, and may agree to another.

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